

III. REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 1, 10, 15 and 18 have been amended. Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Office, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Office. Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the rejections and reserve the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Further, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-2, 9-11, 14-16 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Okano *et al.* (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2002/0062485 A1), hereafter "Okano." Claims 3-7, 12-13 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Okano in view of Matsuda (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2002/0133573 A1), hereafter "Matsuda," and further in view of Poger (U.S. Patent No. 6,772,420 B1), hereafter "Poger."

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone interview of May 29, 2007, with their representative, Hunter E. Webb. A proposed amendment was submitted in advance of the interview. In the interview, Applicants' representative discussed features of the claimed invention that Applicants assert are not disclosed by the cited references, including those features included in the above claims as amended. The Examiner agreed with Applicants that the claims, as amended, would be sufficient to overcome the rejection.

With regard to the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection over Okano and the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection over Okano in view of Matsuda and Poger, Applicants assert that the cited references fail to teach or suggest each and every feature of the claimed invention. For example, with respect to newly amended independent claims 1, 10, 15 and 18, Applicants submit that the cited references fail to teach or suggest that the device is a wireless device that does not have a readily accessible device identifier or other communications related information and for which a network address or host name cannot be used as the device identifier. This amendment is supported by para. 0004 of Applicants' original specification. In contrast, the references cited by the Office use DHCP over a wired connection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Office withdraw its rejection.

With respect to dependent claims, Applicants herein incorporate the arguments presented above with respect to the independent claims from which the claims depend. Furthermore, Applicants submit that all dependant claims are allowable based on their own distinct features. Since the cited art does not teach each and every feature of the claimed invention, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

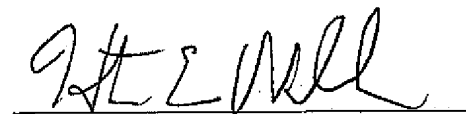
IV. CONCLUSION

In addition to the above arguments, Applicants submit that each of the pending claims is patentable for one or more additional unique features. To this extent, Applicants do not acquiesce to the Office's interpretation of the claimed subject matter or the references used in rejecting the claimed subject matter. Additionally, Applicants do not acquiesce to the Office's combinations and modifications of the various references or the motives cited for such

combinations and modifications. These features and the appropriateness of the Office's combinations and modifications have not been separately addressed herein for brevity. However, Applicants reserve the right to present such arguments in a later response should one be necessary.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. E. Webb", written over a horizontal line.

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